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In regard to the Yucca Mountain Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). I take a strong objection as a geologist with 32 years experience that the proposed Yucca Mountain area is a geological stable area.

Swarms of earthquakes are now being reported just North of Beatty. This type of seismic activity is similar to the earthquake activity that was recorded at Mt. Saint Helens before the last volcanic eruption.

The proposed Yucca Mountain Depository is made up of volcanic rocks with cinder cones that have been dated at less than 10,000 years old. It is not a question if there will be additional earthquakes and volcanic activity in the area but when will it occur and to what magnitude.

Construction of a depository that must be stable for 10,000 years or more in a volcanic area is not conceivable.

Construction of a nuclear depository in a granite batholith or salt dome would be a much better choice from a geologic point of view.

Sincerely Yours;

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